

## Columbia Employees' Hospitalization Plan To Be Extended To Other Firms

Having celebrated five years of successful operation, the Columbia Employees Hospitalization Plan is making arrangements to incorporate and extend its benefits to qualified employees of other industrial plants in Torrance as well as to wives, husbands and children of members, according to John H. Hanks, originator and secretary of the plan.

Hanks, employee of the rolling mill, said that the board of directors of the plan, consisting of 17 members, voted to authorize the officers to form a non-profit corporation to expand its activities. The firm will be capitalized at \$100,000 and stock will be sold only to the some 650 doctors participating in the present Columbia Employees Hospitalization Plan, he said.

The plan celebrated its fifth anniversary on Feb. 1, and a financial report made by Logan R. Cotton, auditor, showed an operating overhead of 5.4 per cent, which is 20 per cent to 40 per cent cheaper than the operating overhead paid by insurance companies.

The plan had an income of \$25,380.74 in the year just ended. Expenses were \$24,169.41 which included payment of \$22,802.29 in

claims to some 742 persons. The group plan has no liabilities and has on hand \$3228.35 to meet future claims.

James Neill, employed on the open hearth, is chairman of the plan, and 95 per cent of all eligible employees at Columbia are members.

Hanks said that the plan will be extended to wives and children of present members first, and then will take in anyone who qualifies. To qualify, a person must live or be employed in the City of Torrance and be a participant in a payroll deduction plan.

He pointed out that it was in using the payroll deduction plan for collection of premiums that the Columbia Employees Hospitalization Plan was able to keep its overhead down to a minimum.

Under the plan, employees pay \$2.50 a month. This covers office calls, home calls, hospital bills, surgery, ambulance service and full coverage for any injury or illness, except plastic surgery for the purpose of beautification. The employees have a choice of doctors and hospitals, and 650 doctors have signed an agreement to accept fees from the plan as full payment.

The fee will be slightly higher in case families of members are covered, Hanks said. The directorate of the proposed corporation will be divided equally between doctors and members, according to Hanks.

### RECRUITING OFFICE OPENS HERE FEB. 8

Lt. Henry Glover has announced that the Army will open a recruiting office in Torrance on Feb. 8.

The office will be open every Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Chamber of Commerce Bldg. at 1345 El Prado, next to the Civic Auditorium. The space for the office was donated by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, Lt. Glover said.

**VETERANS' DANCE**  
Veterans of Foreign Wars post No. 3251 were granted the use of the Civic Auditorium for dances each Friday night, by the City Council Tuesday.

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## Red Cross Collecting Whole Blood

Red Cross-collected whole blood — miraculous savior of countless lives through transfusion administered on World War II battlefronts — starting on or about Feb. 5 will be performing the same function for civilians in hospitals throughout Los Angeles County.

William T. Sennon, Jr., chairman, Los Angeles Red Cross chapter, so announced Monday as plans were revealed for the opening of the Blood Donor Center at 839 So. Spring st.

Los Angeles chapter is the first in the nation to provide a blood donor service for civilians following national headquarters' approval of plans aimed to meet without charge the needs of civilians for whole blood transfusions.

"As the Red Cross blood donor program expanded through the war years, it became apparent that some sort of peacetime project should later be undertaken to meet the tremendous civilian need for blood transfusions," Sennon said. "And Los Angeles chapter—supplying 1,094,000 units during the war—accepted the challenge to supply blood heretofore available for transfusions only through donations made by relatives and friends of the patient or through professional donors."

The operation of the Blood Donor Center has been reviewed in detail by the Los Angeles County Medical Association and carries the approval of that body, Sennon declared.

## Keep National Insurance, Vets Director Says

J. G. Caldwell, local director of the Veterans Service Center, 2300 Carson st. is advising the veteran to retain his national life insurance policy, and suggests that payments be made direct to the Treasurer of the United States or to the collections subdivision, Veterans Administration, Washington, 25, D.C.

Caldwell quoted Gen. Omar Bradley, in saying: "Insurance is to the individual what the armed forces are to the nation. Each furnishes indispensable protection for which adequate provisions must be made in advance. To wait until something happens is just too late."

Caldwell says that a vet may change from the five-year level plan and amount that fits the individual case.

The veterans director also aired his views concerning the urgent need for housing, saying: "A veteran cannot shelter his family under a campaign ribbon—he needs a place to live! Hundreds of men returning from the fighting fronts can't resume a normal civilian life, all because they are unable to find a decent place in which to house their families. Let's all start now in paying off some of the debt of gratitude we owe our fighting men! If anyone anticipates a vacancy in an apartment, house, or housekeeping rooms, please contact our local offices so that a veteran and his family can rent it."

The phone number of the Service Center is Torrance 2260.

Personal stationery? Call Torrance 444 or 443.

## "SCOUTS OF THE WORLD BUILDING TOGETHER"



## Boy Scout Week February 8-14

Nearly 2,000,000 Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Senior Scouts will mark the 36th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America during Boy Scout Week, Feb. 8th to 14th. The theme of the celebration is "Scouts of the World—Building Together." Members of the Movement are helping brother Scouts throughout the world to reorganize. Their "World Friendship Fund" of voluntary contributions and their "Shirts-Off-Our-Backs" project of donating Scout Uniform parts and equipment, will assist Scouting overseas and help develop understanding among the boys of the world. Above is the official poster marking the event.

## Veterans Now Have 90 Days To Reenlist

Lt. Henry Glover announces the War Department has rescinded the order limiting veterans to 30 days for reenlistment in the Regular Army. The new directive, now in force until June 30, 1946, allows veterans 90 days to reenlist and retain the rank held at time of discharge.

The directive also stated that men who have missed the deadline of 90 days may be enlisted in grades commensurate with their prior training and experience.

Former officers in the U. S. Army also have 90 days to reenlist in the grade of master sergeant.

Lt. Glover stated that this new plan should greatly increase the enlistments in the Army. It has been found in the past that discharged veterans did not have enough time in the 30-day period to decide whether or not they preferred Army life, and by the time they reached a decision it was too late to enlist and retain their rank. The additional time offered will eliminate this problem.

The recruiting office in the Harbor area is located in Room 3, Post Office Bldg., San Pedro. Telephone Terminal 3-2986, or the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Bldg.

### NEWSPAPERS

Weekly newspapers contributed more than 1 million dollars worth of advertising to the recent war effort. Magazines contributed 12 millions and outdoor advertising gave 11 million dollars of space.

## Boy Scout Week, Feb. 8 To 14, To Be Observed By Torrance Area

Boy Scouts of this area will join the 36th anniversary celebration of the Boy Scouts of America, Feb. 8-14. Theme of this year's celebration is "Scouts of the World—Building Together."

Special activities have been planned for the local observance according to Arthur A. Schuck, scout executive. Opening the celebration on Feb. 8, Air Scouts will participate in an educational tour at the Lockheed Air Terminal under the auspices of the commercial air lines serving this area. On Saturday, Feb. 9, two major events have been scheduled. The annual May Company Scout Jamboree will be held at the Shrine Auditorium at 2:00 o'clock. Participating in the Jamboree which will include a national Scout week broadcast released over N.B.C. stations of this area at 3:00 o'clock, are Edgar Bergen and "Scout" Charlie McCarthy; Ralph Edwards of Truth or Consequences; Roy Rogers, famous cowboy actor; and Major General James A. Doolittle, The National Chief Scout Executive, Dr. Elbert K.

Fretwell, will address Scouts, Cubs, Senior Scouts, and their leaders; and the Mitchell Boys Choir will present camp songs of the country's biggest local scout organizations. The annual window display contest, sponsored by the Beverly Hills B'Nai B'Rith, will be judged and district winners announced.

Scout Sunday will be observed on Sunday, Feb. 10, and members of the Scout movement will attend the church of their faith in uniform. As a world wide good turn, a special campaign "Shirts-Off-Backs" will be launched with Cubs, Scouts, and Senior Scouts

collecting uniforms, camping equipment, literature and other helpful articles which are needed to re-establish Scouting in the countries ravished by war.

The local organization now serving an all time high membership of 24,414 boys with their volunteer leaders numbering over 6000, will rededicate itself to the principles and fundamentals of Scouting during the month birthday celebration. The welcoming and reinvesting of returning servicemen will also be a feature of the Anniversary celebration, Schuck said.

### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Olle Dodson, city park employee, was granted a 90-day leave of absence by the City Council Tuesday night.

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